

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method for processing a display of an entry panel window on a display device of a user terminal, said entry panel window being selectively caused to appear on said display device to enable input of information in order to effect a continuation of an application coupled to said user
10 terminal, said method comprising:

enabling a user to specify entry panel window parameters, said entry panel window parameters being selectively applicable for defining predetermined characteristics

- 15 associated with a display of said entry panel window;

detecting a receipt of a request to present an entry panel window on said display device; and

- 20 displaying said entry panel window in accordance with said entry panel window parameters.

- 25 2. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said entry panel window parameters include a specification that said entry panel window is always displayed on top of other windows appearing on said display device.

- 30 3. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said entry panel window parameters include a specification that said entry panel window intermittently appears on top of other windows appearing on said display device.

4. The method as set forth in claim 3 wherein said entry panel window parameters include a specification that said entry panel window is caused to appear on top of other windows appearing on said display device at regular intervals.

5. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said entry panel window parameters include a specification of a perceptible alert signal, said method further including generating said perceptible alert signal in response to said detecting.

6. The method as set forth in claim 5 wherein said perceptible alert signal is an audio alert signal designed to alert said user to a detection of said entry panel window.

7. The method as set forth in claim 6 and further including enabling a user to select said audio alert signal from a number of different audio alert signals.

8. The method as set forth in claim 5 wherein said perceptible alert signal is a video alert signal designed to alert said user to a detection of said entry panel window.

25 9. The method as set forth in claim 8 and further including enabling a user to select said video alert signal from a number of different video alert signals.

30 10. The method as set forth in claim 5 and further including enabling a user to select a combination of audio and video alert signals wherein said combination of alert signals is designed to alert said user to a detection of said entry panel window.

11. A user terminal including input means and a display device, said user terminal being selectively operable to effect a display of an entry panel window to enable input of information through said input means in order to effect a

5 continuation of an application coupled to said user terminal, said user terminal further including:

means for enabling a user to specify entry panel window parameters, said entry panel window parameters being

10 selectively applicable for defining predetermined characteristics associated with a display of said entry panel window;

means for detecting a receipt of a request to present an

15 entry panel window on said display device; and

means for displaying said entry panel window on said display device in accordance with said entry panel window parameters.

20 12. The user terminal as set forth in claim 11 wherein said entry panel window parameters include a specification that said entry panel window is always displayed on top of other windows appearing on said display device.

25 13. The user terminal as set forth in claim 11 wherein said entry panel window parameters include a specification that said entry panel window intermittently appears on top of other windows appearing on said display device.

14. The user terminal as set forth in claim 13 wherein said entry panel window parameters include a specification that said entry panel window is caused to appear on top of other windows appearing on said display device at regular intervals.

15. The user terminal as set forth in claim 11 wherein said entry panel window parameters include a specification of a perceptible alert signal, said user terminal further including means for generating said perceptible alert signal in response to said detecting.

16. The user terminal as set forth in claim 15 wherein said perceptible alert signal is an audio alert signal designed to alert said user to a detection of said entry panel window.

17. The user terminal as set forth in claim 16 and further including means for enabling a user to select said audio alert signal from a number of different audio alert signals.

18. The user terminal as set forth in claim 15 wherein said perceptible alert signal is a video alert signal designed to alert said user to a detection of said entry panel window.

19. The user terminal as set forth in claim 18 and further including means for enabling a user to select said video alert signal from a number of different video alert signals.

20. The user terminal as set forth in claim 15 and further including means for enabling a user to select a combination of audio and video alert signals wherein said combination of alert signals is designed to alert said user to a detection of said entry panel window.

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21. The user terminal as set forth in claim 11 wherein said user terminal is a wireless device.

22. The user terminal as set forth in claim 11 wherein said 5 user terminal comprises a personal computer.

23. A storage medium including machine readable coded indicia, said storage medium being selectively coupled to a reading device, said reading device being selectively 10 coupled to processing circuitry within a computer system, said reading device being selectively operable to read said machine readable coded indicia and provide program signals representative thereof, said program signals being effective to enable for processing a display of an entry panel window 15 on a display device of a user terminal, said entry panel window being selectively caused to appear on said display device to enable input of information in order to effect a continuation of an application coupled to said user terminal, said program signals being further selectively 20 operable for:

enabling a user to specify entry panel window parameters, said entry panel window parameters being selectively applicable for defining predetermined characteristics 25 associated with a display of said entry panel window;

detecting a receipt of a request to present an entry panel window on said display device; and

30 displaying said entry panel window in accordance with said entry panel window parameters.

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